SONIC UNDERGROUND

"Three-Part Disharmony"

(premise)

When **Manic** almost gets the trio captured by swatbots in downtown Robotropolis, the three siblings are forced to split up to evade their pursuers in a wild action sequence. We follow Sonia. She's cornered by bots in a dead-end alley. She's holding her own, but then a hidden door opens and she escapes inside -- where a voice speaks to her out of the darkness -- saying it's her mother, and warning her that her brothers are going to betray her!

Meanwhile, Manic gets away easily. But when the siblings reunite, **Sonic** gives him an angry scolding that really rankles the drummer boy. Hey, he was just looking at that state-of-the-art electronic drum kit in the store window -- he wasn't going to steal it! How was he to know it was the bait in a **Robotnik** trap?

The hedgehogs are in 'tropolis to play the **Cavern Club**, a venue for underground music that is literally underground -- it's located in the deepest section of the steam tunnels that run under the sewers, subways and various other levels of subterranean Robotropolis.

That night, as they wait to go on (the opening act is the Beetles), relationships are strained between the siblings. Sonia isn't speaking to Manic or Sonic, and Sonic is curt to both. The tension mounts.
Then the club owner tells Manic someone wants to see him. Manic goes out into a dark passageway where a shadowy figure beckons from behind an iron grate. He goes closer. The figure speaks. It is his mother! She warns him that Sonic and Sonia are not who they appear to be -- they've been turned into Cyborgs by Robotnik! He captured them while they were split up! Now he intends to raid the club and capture all their fans!

Manic rushes back inside, intending to grab his kit and split -- but he's grabbed by his sibs and hustled out on stage. They're on! But just as his mother predicted, during the number, Robotnik's bots attack!

Again the siblings are forced to split up. But Sonia and Manic are now equally convinced that their siblings have sold out to Robotnik. Sonic doesn't know what to think -- all he knows is that everyone is acting like HE is the bad guy! Then he gets a message from the underground -- his mother wants to see him!

The situation culminates in a three-way mother/child reunion, with each sibling wary of the other until it is revealed that their "mother" is really a morphing of **Sleet**. The hedgehogs overcome all of their bad feelings and battle their way out of the elaborate trap, and celebrate their re-unity with an impromptu concert that brings down the house-- er, *cavern*.